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(e) No provision for the work has been included in the Civil Budget Estimates for 1929-30 as it is proposed that the expenditure during the first year should be met from the proceeds of the invested funds forming the endowment of the hospital.

Dr. (Mrs.) S. MUTHULAKSHMI REDDI :—"Sir, as the repairs are very urgent, may I request the hon. the Minister to visit the place and satisfy himself whether the need is not urgent?" 11-15 a.m.

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"I shall visit the place and ascertain the urgency of the matter and then I shall, if necessary, expedite the most urgent matters."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know whether the hon. the Minister has visited any hospitals before?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"I have visited a large number of hospitals; and I generally visit them before giving the final sanction."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"If so, may I know why he has not chosen to visit this hospital?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"Because the plans and estimates are not yet ready, and when they are ready I shall go and visit the place."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"In view of the fact that the matter is an urgent one why did he not visit it beforehand?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"The need is already known and how far the need can be satisfied is the subject under consideration and when the scheme is ready I shall visit the hospital."

Supply of clothing and bedding to the hospitals by the jails.

* 1785 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the jails are able to manufacture and supply in time all the clothing and bedding required for the hospitals; and

(b) if not, what arrangements are made for meeting this need?

A.—(a) & (b) Generally the Jail Department is able to supply all the articles required. On the very rare occasions when it is not able to supply any article, it is purchased locally.

The Advisory Committees constituted for the District Headquarters hospitals.

* 1786 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) how many of the advisory committees constituted for the district headquarters hospitals are functioning properly; and

(b) whether the Government propose to extend this committee system to all hospitals under their management?

A.—(a) From a report on the working of the advisory committees received in August last, the Government observe that the committees generally have not taken as much interest in the administration of the hospitals as they expected. They have